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Of the Selectmen of Chesterfield.

Receipts on Account of

Town tax, 1863,	$ 2 04	
Town tax, 1868,	205 66	207 70
Cash in Treasury, March 9, 1869,		170 11
Assesments for the year 1869,		8,255 68
For use of Town Hall,		30 00
For sale of liquors,		83 78
County Pauper claims,		626 67
Loans for use of Town,		3,449 00
Chickens sold,		5 30
Literary fund,		57 20
Railroad tax,		18 56
Savings Bank tax,		215 02
School House tax, District No. 3,		77 46
Interest on taxes paid after Nov. 1, 1869,		12 44
Bank interest,		7 50
		13,216 42

Payments.

ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN DEBTS.

Town notes,	$4,814 48	
Town bonds,	220 00	
Interest on Town bonds,	184 80	–5,219 28

Town Paupers.

For Humphrey G. Albee,	48 43	
Nelson B. Norcross,	5 10	
Abishai Wetherbee,	86 52	
Geo. L. Hildreth's wife,	12 85	
Russell Farr,	63 75	
Mrs. Abishai Wetherbee,	9 00	–225 65

County Paupers.

For Nathan Hildreth,	463 98	
Charles Smith,	130 00	
Ame Draper,	29 86	
Elizabeth Flint and family,	7 25	
Reuben Nash, Jr.,	22 63	
Transient persons,	2 50	–656 22

Roads and Bridges.

For bridge plank and timber,	76 75	
Labor,	672 38	–749 13

Town Officers.

For services of Selectmen,	158 00	
" " " Collector of taxes,	50 00	
" " " S. School Committee,	40 00	
" " " Town Treasurer,	20 00	
" " " H. O. Coolidge, Town Clerk,	19 02	
" " " H. C. Harvey, " "	14 00	
" " " Moderator,	2 00	
" " " Constable,	2 00	–305 02

Town House.

For ringing bell and care of hearse,	15 00	
Wood and oil,	9 06	
6 lamps for hall,	9 00	–33 06

School Districts.

No. 1,	144 78	
" 2,	101 51	
" 3,	75 57	
" 4,	79 77	
" 5,	140 48	
" 6,	68 80	
" 7,	83 09	
" 8,	80 29	
" 9.	86 20	
" 10,	110 48	
" 11,	64 12	
" 12,	69 70	
" 13,	165 00	
" 14,	66 79	
" 15,	55 94	1,392 52

Miscellaneous.

For Stationery and postage,	$4 15	
Record of births and deaths,	5 75	
Services of Agent with hearse,	11 00	
Damage done by dogs,	7 00	
County tax,	1,209 95	
State tax,	2,496 00	
Non-resident highway receipts,	19 95	
Overtax,	7 70	
Discount on taxes paid prior to Oct. 5,	349 39	
Expenses on pauper business and team work,	53 00	
Counsel on Broker case,	5 00	
Interest on temporary loan,	3 30	
Due on tax bill, 1869,	335 84	
Cash in Treasury,	108 51	
Town Reports,	19 00	4,635 54
		13,216 42

State of the Treasury, March 1, 1870.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes payable,	$14,803 26	
Town bonds,	2,924 35	
Dog tax money,	134 00	
School District No. 3,	77 46	–17,939 07

ASSETS.

Tax Bill, 1863,	5 20	
" " 1864,	11 23	
" " 1865,	101 06	
" " 1856,	113 73	
" " 1867,	67 94	
" " 1868,	44 20	
" " 1869,	335 84	
County pauper claim,	188 70	
Cash in Treasury,	108 51	–976 41
Actual town indebtedness,		16,962 66

Estimated Expenses for 1870.

State tax,	$2,496 00
County tax,	1,613 27
Schools,	1,200 00
Town charges,	1,200 00
Interest on debt,	1,063 65
Town Bond,	220 00
	7,792 92

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE GOODRICH,
JOHN W. DAVIS,
JAMES H. GOODRICH. } *Selectmen of Chesterfield.*

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

In compliance with the provisions of the 81st Chapter of the General Statutes of the State of New Hampshire, which require that "The School Committee shall present to the town, at its annual meeting, a report stating the number of weeks the public schools have been kept in each district, in summer and winter, and what portion by male and what by female teachers; the whole number of scholars that have attended each school, and the number attending to each study; the number of children between four and fourteen that have not attended school, and the number of persons in each district between the the ages of fourteen and twenty-one years who cannot read and write."—I submit the following table, which I believe furnishes a correct statement of the facts:

No. of District.	Summer and Winter.	NAME OF TEACHERS.	No. Weeks School.	White No. of Scholars	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Geography.	No. in Composition.	No. in History.	No. in Book-Keeping.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Philosophy.	No. in Physiology.	No. of scholars in the district between 4 and 14 years not attending school.
1	S	Augusta E. Pierce.	10	29	29	29	27	17	7	14	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	W	Homer C. Crowell,	9	32	32	32	17	31	7	16	0	1	0	0	1	0	8
2	S	Lucia E. Cook,	12	8	8	8	6	7	4	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
2	W	Emma R. Herrick,	11	14	14	14	4	13	5	4	4	1	0	2	0	0	1
3	S	Ida M. Prentice,	7	18	18	18	5	11	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	S	Eliza A. Wheeler,															
3	W	Emma R. Herrick,	9	25	25	25	13	20	2	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	W	Minerva A. Woodbury,															
4	S	Mrs. Emily Darling,	9	8	8	8	7	7	1	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	W	Emma L. Darling,	10	9	9	9	8	9	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	S	Mary A. Marsh,	10	16	15	15	2	8	[illegible]	5	5	0	0	3	0	0	0
5	W	Charles A. Babbitt,	9	26	26	26	20	24	7	9	0	7	0	3	0	0	0
6	S	Rosa M. Holman,	8	11	11	8	5	9	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	W	Rosa M. Holman,	9	8	8	8	7	7	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	S	Laura A. Hill,	5	19	19	19	10	11	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
7	W	Alice L. Holman,	8	20	20	20	12	16	3	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
8	S	Clara M. Wellington,	8	13	12	11	9	8	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	W	Addie M. Hopkins,	10	15	14	14	11	13	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
9	S	Flora A. Hubbard,	9	16	14	10	9	10	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
9	W	Fred C. Atherton,	11	24	24	24	16	24	5	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	S	Calfernia A. Britton,	8	6	6	6	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	W	Persis M. Prentice,	10	13	13	13	7	12	5	8	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
11	S	Angie M. Bennett,	6	6	6	6	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	W	Clara M. Wellington,	8	13	13	13	7	9	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	S	Rosella S. Clark,	10	12	12	12	6	8	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
12	W	Angie M. Bennett,	7	13	13	13	10	9	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
13	S	Ella M. Goodrich,	7	34	33	33	15	23	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
13	W	Mary A. Marsh,	5	37	37	37	14	37	12	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
13	W	Eliza A. Wheeler,	5	11	10	11	4	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	S	Luella A. Hamilton,	6	10	9	10	6	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	W	Clara M. Wellington,	8	14	11	12	7	8	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	S	Alice M. Holman,	6	6	6	6	3	5	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
15	W	Emma J. Henry,	9	11	11	11	6	11	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The number of scholars attending our schools has been 151 girls and 171 boys, making in all 322. The average attendance through the year has been 222 4-5.

There has been $1,392.52 expended by the town for the support of its 16 schools. This sum divided by 322, the whole number of scholars, gives $4.32 as the amount expended by the town for each scholar attending school. This, I think, is far below the average amount which the several towns in the State expend per scholar for education.

And this suggests the inquiry: Are a majority of the towns in the State doing more than their duty in this respect? or, is Chesterfield doing less? This certainly is a very important question for every citizen to consider, if he regards the highest welfare of the children of the town—a large majority of whom will receive their whole school education in our common schools —or the standing and prosperity of our town in the future.

Another question will be suggested to many by the above table; a question which has repeatedly been forced upon my mind while visiting the schools of the town, viz: Is the town doing equal justice to all the children in our schools by the present method of dividing the public money among the several districts? Take for example the contiguous districts, Nos. 11 and 13. The number of scholars residing in No. 11, is 5, and in No. 13, is 48. Now, taking the amount of public money appropriated to each of these districts last year, and it gives to each scholar in No. 11, $11.79, and to each scholar in No. 13, $3.50, which is giving $8.29 more to each scholar in No. 11, than to each in No. 13. Now does it take $11.79 per year to give the same amount of instruction to a child in No. 11, as is given to one in No. 13, for $3.50? If not, then we are doing a great injustice to every child in No. 13. Now I would suggest whether we should not in a measure obviate this injustice by dividing a small part, say one quarter, or one third, of the public money among the several districts, according to the number of scholars residing in each district?

The Superintending Committee of the different towns in the State have been for many years iterating the fact that our schools are greatly injured by tardiness and irregular attendance, and in order to correct this evil in a measure, I stated to each school, at the commencement of both the summer and winter terms, that I should publish, in my report, the name of every scholar who should not be either tardy or absent a day during the term. And in publishing this Roll of Honor, I take pride in saying that I do not think that there is another town in the State that can show a better record. The figures in the 1st

column shows the number of terms that each scholar was not tardy a single half day, and that in the 2d column shows the number of terms that each scholar was not absent a single half day.

Roll of Honor.

District No. 1.		
Charlie W. Chamberlain,	2	1
Charlie L. Smith,	1	
Charlie Davis,	1	
Charlie L Ford,	1	
George R Ford,	1	1
Curtis H. Chickering,	1	
Andrew Pierce.	1	
Maylie Colburn,	1	
George M. Woodbury,	1	
Fred H. Woodbury,	1	
Arthur M. Davis,	1	
George S. Lewis,		1
Willie Pierce,	1	
Fred R. Randall,	1	1
Hoyt W. Stearns,		1
Abbie E. Stark,	2	
Maria N. Smith,	1	
Fannie Prentice,	1	
Addie M. Smith,	1	
Myra L. Streeter,	1	
Senna S. Streeter,	1	
Della H. Smith,	1	
Emma L. Snow,	1	
Nellie M. Thompson.	1	
Minnie A. Yager,	1	
Hattie N. Farr,	1	
Cora B. Farr,	1	
Carrie P. Farr,	1	
Clara J. Davis,	1	
Mary F. Woodbury.	1	1
Addie Pierce,	1	
District No. 2.		
Julia C. Colburn,	2	2
Lizzie Franklin,	1	1
Flora B. Herrick,	1	
Linna E. Stoddard,	2	
Ellen Stoddard,	2	1
Lizzie E. Safford,	2	1
Fred H. Stoddard,	2	
Charles Spaulding,	1	
George W. Sargent,	1	
Albert S. Colburn,	1	
District No. 3.		
Lilla A. Smith,	2	2
Nellie M. Smith,	1	1
Laura N. Smith,	2	1
Martha A. Colburn,	2	2
Hattie N. Colburn,	2	1
Alta M. Amidon,	1	
Mary A. Cobliegh,	2	1
Ada C. Spaulding,	2	
Addie F. Spaulding,	2	
Emma Smith,	1	1
Lorenzo S. Amidon,	1	
Herbert Spaulding,	2	
Frank Cobleigh,	2	1
George Sargent,	2	1
Norman Colburn,	2	1
Freddie A. Smith,	2	2
Lyman Esterbrook,	1	
Charlie Amidon.	1	1
John Spaulding,	1	
Willie Converse,	1	
Alton Hubbard,	1	
Sidney Davis,	1	
District No. 4.		
Lizzie S. Crowningshield,	2	
Cora B. Hubbard,	2	2
Ida F. Hubbard,	2	2
Lizzie M. Safford,	2	2
Isabella A. Royce,	2	
Walter M, Butler,	2	
Josiah H. Britton,	2	
Eddie L. Hildreth,	2	2
Mirvin H. Butler,	1	
District No. 5.		
Minnie Aldrich,	1	
Carrie Barrett,	2	
Nellie M. Cressy,	1	1
Mabel C. Goodrich,	1	
Ada Harvey,	2	1
Nellie F. Hall,	2	
Jennie Leonard,	1	
Lizzie J. Randall,	2	2
Anna C. Randall,	2	2
Ida Harvey,	1	1
Charles W. Clark,	2	
Winfield E. Stone,	2	1
Geo. O. Smith,	2	
Frank Barrett,	1	
Arthur Clark,	1	
Edson Franklin,	1	
Fred. Holman,	1	
Frank Holman,	1	
Orlando Fisher,	1	
District No. 6.		
Luella M. Franklin,	2	1
Hattie L. Franklin,	2	
Allie S. Franklin,	1	
Nellie E. Crouch,	2	2

District No. 6 Con.		
Helen L Holman,	2	2
Geo A. Holman,	2	2
Walter W. Franklin,	2	
Marshall B. Franklin,	1	1
Edgar N. Robbins,	1	
Fred. W. Holman,	1	
District No. 7.		
Emma E. Brown,	1	1
Maria S. Brown,	1	1
Sarah M. Hinds,	2	
Carrie L. Hinds,	2	1
Louisa L. Hinds,	2	1
Lucy F. Parker,	2	2
Sarah L. Robbins,	1	
Mary E. Robbins,		1
Elsie E. Shaw,	2	
Jennie L. Shaw,	2	2
Dilla L. Shaw,	2	2
Jessie B. Hinds,	2	
Royal T. Hinds,	2	
Ira A. Shaw,	2	
Geo. A. Tuttle,	1	
Silas E. Wright,	2	2
James, L. Wright,	1	1
Fernando P. Hinds,	1	
Chester M'Clenning,	1	
Frank E. Phillips,	1	
District No. 8.		
Anna M. Atherton,	2	2
Cora E. Albee,	1	1
Hattie M. Bullock,	1	
Ella M. Scott,	2	2
Anna D. Scott,	2	2
Flora M. Scott,	2	1
Alice A. Scott,	2	2
Martha G. Scott,	1	2
Addie H. Scott,	2	
Mary I. Wellington,	2	2
Joseph Atherton,	1	
Fred. E. Atherton,	2	2
John W. Atherton,	1	
E. Clinton Wellington,	1	1
District No. 9.		
Gertrude E. Robertson,	2	2
Julia L. Davis,	2	2
Eva L. Butler,	2	
Abbie L. Cressy,	2	2
Nettie Pierce,	2	1
Mary L. Hubbard,	2	2
Clara E. Amidon,	2	2
Mattie J. Amidon,	1	1
Jennie E. Hubbard,	1	
Alice G. Butler,	1	
Frank L. Safford,	2	
Cadman D. Robertson,	2	2
Willie S. Crouch,	2	
Albert A. Hubbard,	2	1
John B. Tasker,	1	
Charles Safford,	1	
Willie Royce,	1	
Oliver Butler,	1	
Geo. A. Hubbard,	1	
Geo. Butler,	1	1
Geo. Pierce,	1	1
Willie Converse,	1	
Alton Hubbard,	1	
District No. 10.		
Ada M. Johnson,	2	
Ella E. Pierce,	2	
Mary I. Robertson,	1	
Byron E. Robertson,	2	1
H. Elmer Robertson,	2	2
Emma A. Stoddard,	1	
Chauncey E. Stone,	1	
Frank A. Pierce,		1
Charlie H. Chapman,	1	
Allen Puffer,	1	
District No. 11.		
Ella F. Andrews,	1	1
Miriam E. Andrews,	1	
S. Lizzie Derby,	1	
Mary M. Streeter,	1	
Charlie E. Andrews,	1	1
Geo. E. Andrews,	1	
Henry S. Wilder,	1	1
Walter F. Pierce,	1	1
Willie P. Howe,	1	
Alfred M. Aldrich,	1	
H. Burton Howe,	1	
District No. 12.		
Helen M. Fletcher,	2	1
Mary E. Streeter,	2	
Geneva A. Fisher,	1	
Willie H. Fletcher,	2	1
Hiram R. Fisher,	2	
Rodney E. Fisher,	2	
Orlando L. Fisher,	1	
Henry Fisher,	1	
District No. 13.		
Ida Buxton,	1	
Ella M. Carpenter,	1	1
Abbie R. Goodrich,	1	1
Therrice J. Herrick,	2	1
Etta M. Hopkins,	1	2
Lizzie M. Phillips,	2	
Martha J. Puffer,	1	1
Nettie M. Whitaker,	2	2
Hattie A. Whitaker,	2	2
Anna Chamberlain,	1	
Addie Farewell,	1	
Jennie Howe,	1	
Alice Herrick,	1	1
Mary Phillips,	1	
Cora A. Buzel,	1	
Alfred M. Aldrich,	1	2
Geo. B. Corbett,	1	2
Herbert R. Farr,	2	1
Frank C. Hamilton,	2	2
Fred. W. Hopkins,	1	2
Joseph Worrel,	1	
Russell Buxton,	1	1
Corence Corbett,	1	1
Daniel Eddy,		1
Edmund Eddy,		1
Manson Fowler,	1	

District No. 13 Con.		
Charles Howe,	1	
Fred. Hamilton,	1	1
Henry Puffer,		1
Henry Rice,	1	
Charles Whitaker,	1	
Frank Wheeler,	1	
District No. 14.		
Addie W. Barker,	2	1
Lizzie C. Barker,	2	2
Malanthe F. Bartlett,	2	1
Sarah G. Lincoln,	2	2
Jennie M. Pierce,	1	
Charlie F. Joslin,	2	2
Willie H. Joslin.	2	2
Fred. A. Barker,	2	2
Theodore A. Bartlett,	1	
Marshall H. Bartlett,	1	1
Carlton J. Joslin,	1	1
Fred. E. Atherton,	1	
John A. Joslin,	1	
Nelson A. Bartlett,	1	
District No. 15.		
Emma J. Henry,	1	1
Eva M. Holman,	1	1
Gertie L. Holman,	2	1
Nellie G. Davis,	1	1
Susan L. Robbins,	1	
Louisa S. Robbins,	1	
Mary E. Robbins,	1	
Frank W. Torrey,	2	1
John G. Henry,	2	1
John Q. Trask,		1
Edgar N. Robbins,	1	1

Most of the teachers, both of our summer and winter schools, have been faithful and have appeared to strive to do their best. All of our schools have made fair progress. Dividing them into three classes, according to the degree of progress which they have actually made, during both terms, the schools in Districts No. 5, No. 1 and No 2, will come into the first class, and all the remaining scoools, except two, into class No. 2. Some of the schools now in class No. 2, came very near the standard for the schools in class No. 1, and if they labor as hard the next, as they have the present year, will attain to the honor for which they have so nobly striven.

Most of the schools have been distinguished for good order. Only one failed to yield cheerful obedience to wholesome rules of discipline; but in this one kept by one of our most faithful, efficient and successful teachers, the scholars were sadly deficient in that respect for rightfully constituted authority and that nice sense of personal honor which are the essential characteristics of the true gentleman or lady. It is to be hoped that such a disgrace will never be repeated in any of our schools.

In closing this Report, I would recommend the town to elect five persons as "Superintending School Committee." Such a committee, selected from different parts of the town, could superintend the schools at much less expense than one person can do it, and there are some reforms needed in the schools, which, for want of space, I cannot notice in this Report, but which such a committee could accomplish much more successfully and satisfactorily than any "one committee man" could hope to.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

O. G. WOODBURY,
Supt. School Committee.